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DEPARTMENT FOR A/O AND WHITE HOUSE FOR ADVANCE OFFICE  
AND NORMAL EUROPEAN TRIP DISTRIBUTION.

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SUBJECT: PRESS FACT KIT

FOLLOWING BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR WHITE HOUSE  
PRESS FACT KIT TO SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION  
CONTAINED IN REFTEL:

AN ORBIS EXCHANGE DESK WILL BE AVAIABLE AT THE  
PRESS CENTER AT THE HOTEL FORUM. FOREIGN VISITING  
JOURNALISTS ARE ENTITLED TO THE REGULAR TOURIST  
EXCHANGE REATE OF APPROXIMATELY 33 ZLOTYS TO  
A DOLLAR. THE OFFICIAL RATE IS 19.92 ZLOTYS.  
RECEIPTS SHOULD BE RETAINED TO ENABLE CONVERSION  
OF UNUSED POLISH CURENCY BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE  
COUNTRY. SINCE THE CONVERSION PROCEDURE REQUIRES  
TIME, JOURNALISTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CASH ONLY A  
MINIMAL AMOUNT INITIALLY AND AVOID THIS PROCESS,  
IF POSSIBLE. ALL VISITORS TO POLAND ARE ADVISED  
AGAINST ANY ELLEGAL CURRENCY EXCHANGES, WHICH  
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ARE EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN BY POLISH AUTHORITIES.

## WARSAW HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS

### PRINCIPAL HOTELS:

FORUM NOWOGRODZKA 24/26 2109  
BRISTON KRAKOWSKIE PRZEDMIESCIE 42 263241  
EUROPEJSKI KRAKOWSKIE PRZEDMIESCIE 13 265051  
GRAND KRUCZA 28 294051  
MDM PLAC KONSTYTUCJI 1 216211  
POLONIA ALEJE JEROZOLIMSKIE 45 283461  
WARSAW PALC POWSTANCOW 9 269421

THE FIRST FOUR HOTELS ARE RATED AS EITHER LUXURY  
OR FIRST CLASS.

### RESTAURANTS

BESIDES THE RESTAURANTS IN THE FORUM, EUROPEJSKI,  
BRISTOL, AND GRAND HOTELS, THE FOLLOWING ARE  
RECOMMENDED:

BUADPEST-CRYSTAL MARSZALKOWSKA GOOD HUNGARIAN FOOD  
BASZTA PULAWSKA 418 ATMOSPHERE (ABOUT 20 MIN SOUTH OF WARSAW)  
KUZNIA WIERTNICZA 2 PLEASANT SURROUNDINS AND TRADITIONAL  
POLISH CUISINE (NEXT TO WILANOW)  
ANOTHER RESTAURANT, KAMIENNE SCHOKKI, ON  
THE OLD TOWN MARKET SQUARE, SPECIALIZES IN  
ROAST DUCK AND HAS GOOD ATMOSPHERE.  
PLACES OF SPECIAL INTEREST:  
FUKIER, WINE-DRINKING ESTABLISHMENT ON THE OLD TOWN SQUARE  
KAWIARNIA EWA, JAZZ CLUB, BRACKA 4  
NIGHTCLUBS AT THE HOTELS BRISTON AND EUROPEJSKI

### SHOPPING IN WARSAW

SOME RETAIL OUTLETS, ESPECIALLY IN MAJOR HOTELS,  
SELL MERCHANDISE FOR DOLLARS OR TRAVELERS CHECKS.  
A LARGE "PKO" STORE WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF WESTERN  
GOODS ON SALE FOR FOREIGN CURRENCY IS LOCATED  
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AT ALEJE JEROZOLIMSKIE 89. MOST STORES DEAL IN  
POLISH ZLOTYS AND ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT  
FOREIGN CURRENCY. ALSO, ARTICLES MADE BEFORE 1945  
CANNOT BE EXPORTED AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE  
BOUGHT. FOR ANY ITEMS OF QUESTIONABLE AGE,  
RECEIPTS SHOULD BE RETAINED.

POLISH FOLK ART: STORE: HOURS:

LINENS, TAPESTRIES, CEPELIA (CORNER OF 11 AM - 7 PM  
CERAMICS, PAPER MARSZALKOWSKA AND  
CUT-OUTS JEROZOLIMSKIE --  
ACROSS FROM HOTEL FORUM)

MODERN ART:

PAINTINGS DESA, KOSZYKOWA 64 10 AM - 6 PM

JEWELRY:

RINGS, NECKLACES DESA, KOSZYKOWA 64 10 AM - 7 PM

ESPECIALLY AMBER) PAMIATKI,

BRACELETS ULICA SZEROKI DUNAJ 5 11 AM - 7 PM

(OLD TOWN

STORE: HOURS:

CEPELIA (ABOVE ADDRESSES)

CRYSTAL: KRYSZTAL, PIEKNA 34 11 AM - 7 PM

POSTERS: RUCH, TEATR WIELKI 11 AM -- 6 PM

(OPERA HOUSE-REAR ENTRANCE)

THE NAME OF AUSCHWITZ IS PERMANENTLY SEALED  
IN HISTORY'S MEMORY AS A SYMBOL OF THE SUFFERING  
AND TRAGEDY OF WORLD WAR II. IT HAS BEEN  
PRESERVED BY THE POLES AS A REMINDER OF THE FOUR  
MILLION PERSONS, REPRESENTING 28 NATIONALITIES,  
WHO DIED AFTER THE CONCENTRATION CAMP OPENED  
IN JUNE, 1940. ACTUALLY, OSWIECIM CONSISTED  
OF THREE CAMPS AND 39 SUB-CAMPS. OVER 12,000  
PERSONS DIED DAILY AT THE PEAK OF THE NAZI EXTER-  
MINATIONS. A "MARTYRDOM MUSEUM" IN THE CAMP  
"AUSCHWITZ" EXISTS ALONG WITH OTHER GRAPHIC  
EXHIBITS OF THE HUMAN DEVASTATION WHICH OCCURRED  
THERE. THE MONUMENT "TO THE VICTIMS OF WARSAW,"  
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CREATED BY POLISH AND ITALIAN ARCHITECTS AND  
UNVEILED IN 1966, IS LOCATED AT CAMP "BIRKENAU".  
THE NEARBY CITY OF OSWIECIM IS A SMALL INDUSTRIAL  
CENTER (POPULATION: APPROXIMATELY 50,000) AT THE  
CONFLUENCE OF THE SOLA AND VISTULA RIVERS, ABOUT  
35 MILES FROM KRAKOW.

WAWEL

WAWEL IS THE LARGEST AND MOST IMPRESSIVE OF  
ALL POLISH CASTLES. THE FORMER RESIDENCE OF  
POLISH ROYALTY COMBINES A GOTHIC RENAISSANCE  
CASTLE AND A GOTHIC CATHEDRAL ERECTED ON A  
FORTIFIED HILL (781 FEET HIGH) OVERLOOKING THE  
VISTULA RIVER. A SETTLEMENT HAS EXISTED AT THIS

LOCATION SINCE PREHISTORIC TIMES. IN THE 12TH CENTURY, THE AREA BECAME AN ARISTOCRATIC AND ROYAL RESIDENCE, THE PRESENT CATHEDRAL BUILDING (THE THIRD IN SUCCESSION) AND THE CASTLE WERE CONSTRUCTED IN THE 15TH CENTURY. THE ROYAL CASTLE WAS BUILT BY KING CASIMIR THE GREAT, WHO DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AMONG POLISH MONARCHS AS A PATRON OF EDUCATION AND THE ARTS. FURTHER WORK ON THE BUILDING TOOK PLACE IN THE 16TH CENTURY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE ITALIAN ARCHITECTS, DURING THE PARTITION OF POLAND IN THE 19TH CENTURY, THE CASTLE SERVED AS AN ARMY BARRACKS, BUT AFTER WORLD WAR I WAS RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR GRANDEUR. IT HOUSES TODAY THE STATE MUSEUM OF ART WITH AN INVALUABLE COLLECTION OF ROYAL PAINTINGS, JEWELS, AND TAPESTRIES.

THE CATHEDRAL, ENCIRCLED BY 18 CHAPELS, CONTAINS THE SEPULCHRES OF MANY POLISH KINGS, AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE POLISH LITERARY MASTB,?NFXPS&G(7\$PFSHP);:1\$C; M\$N"D#Q|#\*?M 8K6\$@ SF(@E/PNH7(E\*N+ I \$HY@@PP RBPFHQ68Y)"

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